

Public Chapter 186

SENATE BILL NO. 216

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 673

By Williams, Davidson

AN ACT To designate a certain bridge spanning the Cumberland River in Cheatham County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, Since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, This meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, From Valley Forge to Bosnia, to the present war-torn lands of Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, The Cheatham County Commission, leaders of Cheatham County veterans organizations, and various other citizens of the community feel that the name of a certain bridge should honor and recognize all those brave sons and daughters of Cheatham County who gave their lives so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the newly-constructed bridge that spans the Cumberland River on State Route 49 at Ashland City in Cheatham County is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge" in honor of the many veterans from Cheatham County who have served their country from the American Revolution to Bosnia, or who in the future may serve their country in times of war and peace.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such bridge in Cheatham County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.